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NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL **RULE §1.53(b)** 

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Sir:

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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title):

TANDEM TYPE COLOR IMAGE FORMING DEVICE HAVING A PLURALITY OF PROCESS CARTRIDGES ARRAYED IN RUNNING DIRECTION OF INTERMEDIATE

**IMAGE TRANSFER MEMBER** 

By (Inventors):

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$\bowtie$	Formal drawings (Figs. <u>1-10; 9</u> sheets) are attached.		
	Use Figure for front page of Publication.		
$\boxtimes$	A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.		
$\boxtimes$	This patent application is assigned to BROTHER KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA.		
_	The executed Assignment is filed herewith.		

An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.

Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.

A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence -- This nonprovisional application claims

the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_.Priority of foreign applications No. 2000-178513 filed June 14, 2000 in Japan and No. 2000-181350 filed  $\boxtimes$ June 16, 2000 in Japan is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).

A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application(s) is filed herewith. This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 112(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in 

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